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Application No.: **09/972,124** Group Art Unit: **1771**  
Filed: **October 5, 2001** Examiner: **Daniel R. Zirker**  
Title: **WATER CONTACT INDICATOR**

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. ☐ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently****3. Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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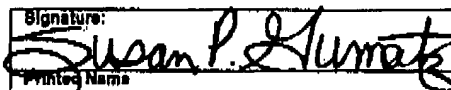
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Attached is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

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